



Scams & Fraud

Be wise. Be safe. Be sure

**Wisdom and money
can get you anything...
but only wisdom
can save your life**

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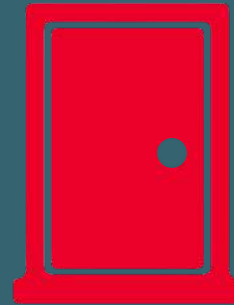
Common types of Fraud



Letterbox



Telephone



Doorstep



Computer

Letterbox

- Fake promises of lottery or Prize wins
- Cheap miracle cures,
home products or vitamins
- False predictions of the future
- Claims from pretend lawyers or officials about a will or pension



If it looks too good to be true - it probably is

Telephone

- Conversations to encourage you to part with your personal details and financial information
- Selling worthless shares, non-existent land, pension promises
- False faults with your computer or internet connection



Invest in a call blocker device

Computer

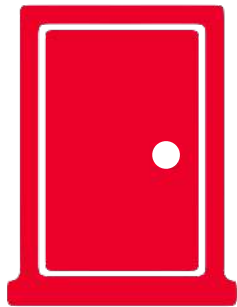
- Emails from fraudsters pretending to be your bank asking for personal information, passwords and account details
- Romance scams preying on your emotions to extort money
- False claims of refunds



Send all such emails
to the Trash Bin

Doorstep

- Con-men selling goods or services that are not needed and over priced
- Scammers posing as salesmen in order to enter your home to steal



Always ask for id and use
reputable tradesmen.
If in doubt keep them out.

Victims

- They may become withdrawn
- They may stop coming to a club or social activity
- They may seem secretive or embarrassed
- They may not let you into their home

A victim may...

Have workmen doing unnecessary work



Be neglecting themselves



Be withdrawing large sums of money



Have a large number of suspicious emails

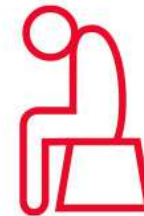


A victim may...

Be suffering
financial
hardship



Be withdrawn



Have a high
volume of
phone calls



Have a huge
number
of letters



**Over
£193 billion**

**Estimated losses to the
UK economy from scams
and fraud per year**

1 in 5

**people fall victim to
scams/fraud every year**

5%

**of victims report
the crime**

What to do

All fraud should be reported to Action Fraud.
If the victim is vulnerable or elderly you may wish to:

- Contact your local police on **101**
- Report online **www.actionfraud.org.uk**
- Telephone reporting **0300 1232040**
- Speak to you local **Citizens Advice Bureau**
- Contact your local **Regional Older Persons Specialist**

Remember

- Be Wise. Be Safe. Be Sure.
- If in doubt don't do anything
- If in doubt keep them out
- Speak to a friend or relative



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if swindled